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STAT NEW CALL FOR FIRINGS OVER CIA HANDBOOK
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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A CIA MANUAL FOR NICARAGUAN REBELS THAT SOME SAY ADVOCATES POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS VIOLATES U.S. LAWS AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE SAYS.

REP. NORMAN MINETTA, D-CALIF., SAID THURSDAY HE WILL ASK THE COMMITTEE TO GIVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANY EVIDENCE IT HAS OF CIA WRONGS "SO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO BROKE THE LAW CAN BE PROSECUTED."

HE ALSO SAID THE CIA HAS REFUSED TO LET THE PANEL TALK TO THE REPORT'S PURPORTED AUTHOR, A MAN KNOWN AS JOHN KIRKPATRICK AND SAID TO BE A CIA CONTRACT WORKER.

"WE KNOW WHO HE IS, AND THE CIA KNOWS WHERE HE IS, AND THEY JUST REFUSE TO LET US TALK TO HIM," MINETTA SAID IN A STATEMENT FROM HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE.

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS PLEDGED TO FIRE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING SOME UNEDITED COPIES OF THE MANUAL OUT WITH PORTIONS ON HOW TO "NEUTRALIZE" LOCAL OFFICIALS AND SUGGESTING THE USE OF CRIMINALS TO CREATE SITUATIONS IN WHICH "MARTYRS" ARE CREATED FOR THE REBEL CAUSE.

DISCLOSURE OF THE MANUAL RAISED NEW QUESTIONS IN CONGRESS ABOUT THE U.S. ROLE IN THE WAR AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS.

IN DECEMBER 1982, CONGRESS TOLD THE CIA IT COULD NOT AID THE "CONTRAS" TRYING TO OVERTHROW NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT. SINCE THEN, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MAINTAINED IT HAS BEEN TRYING TO INTERDICT ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM THE SANDINISTAS TO LEFTIST REBELS FIGHTING EL SALVADOR'S FLEDGLING U.S.-BACKED DEMOCRACY.

MONEY RAN OUT THIS SUMMER, AND CONGRESS HAS BARRED ADDITIONAL SPENDING UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT SPRING.

WHEN THE PAMPHLET BECAME PUBLIC LAST MONTH, MANY CONGRESSMEN SAID IT WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE CIA'S REAL GOAL WAS TO HELP THE REBELS TOPPLE THE MARXIST NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT.

AND IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THURSDAY, A REBEL LEADER SAID THE CIA APPROACHED HIM BY SAYING THEY WANTED TO HELP HIM OVERTHROW THE SANDINISTAS.

EDGAR CHAMORRO, WHO SAID HE HAD A HAND IN THE WRITING MANUAL ON GUERRILLA WARFARE, TOLD THE NEWSPAPER HE WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA IN 1982 AND TOLD, "WE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT IN MANAGUA AND DO IT WITHIN A YEAR."

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AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MANUAL THAT REAGAN ORDERED THE CIA'S INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, A PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SAID THURSDAY. HOWEVER, THE REPORT IS UNLIKELY TO REACH CONGRESS BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S ELECTIONS. AND SOURCES SAID IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM CASEY WILL BE AVAILABLE EITHER TO THE HOUSE OR SENATE PANELS FOR QUESTIONING.

THE 1983 BOOKLET IS TITLED "PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN GUERRILLA WARFARE." IT LARGELY DISCUSSES NON-VIOLENT WAYS FOR REBELS TO WIN SUPPORT FROM CIVILIANS THEY ENCOUNTER.

HOWEVER, A SECTION ON THE "SELECTIVE USE OF VIOLENCE FOR PROPAGANDISTIC EFFECTS" SAYS: "IT IS POSSIBLE TO NEUTRALIZE CAREFULLY SELECTED AND PLANNED TARGETS" SUCH AS LOCAL OFFICIALS.

THE BOOKLET DOES NOT DEFINE "NEUTRALIZE," NOR DOES IT USE THE WORD ASSASSINATE, BUT CRITICS MAINTRIN THAT THE USE OF "NEUTRALIZE" AMOUNTS TO THE SAME THING.

MINETTA SAID HE BELIEVES THE CIA HAS BROKEN THE LAW BY PRODUCING A MANUAL WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON OVERTHROWING THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT "AT A TIME WHEN IT CLEARLY IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANY U.S. AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT." HE ALSO SAID THE CIA BROKE THE LAW BY FAILING TO REPORT THE MANUAL TO THE CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES.

RECENT NEWS REPORTS, BASED LARGELY ON INTERVIEWS WITH CONTRA LEADERS, HAVE INDICATED THE MANUAL WAS PRODUCED BY THE CIA TO LIMIT REBEL ATROCITIES. MINETTA SAID IF THAT IS SO, THE CIA DID NOT TELL THE COMMITTEES OF VIOLENT ACTS BY THE REBELS "AND ALL THEY DID WAS PROFESSIONALIZE THE TERROR."

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